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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Soumya P. Sahoo, et al.	
Serial No.:	TO BE ASSIGNED	Case No.: 20768
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For:	BENZOPYRANCARBOXYLIC ACID DERIVATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF DIABETES AND LIPID DISORDERS	

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the specification by adding the following sentence after the title and before the Field of the Invention section:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from US Provisional Application No. 60/244,698, filed on October 31, 2000, which is incorporated by reference into this application in its entirety.--

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